

Book Reviews

The Allen (Starvation) Treatment of Diabetes. By Lewis W. Hill and Rena S. Eckman, 4th ed. 140 pp. Boston: W. M. Leonard. 1921.

This compact manual tells practically all that is necessary to know about the carrying out of the author's treatment. It contains no theory, but gives numerous menus, with calorie calculations and receipts, for preparing diabetic food. It is a useful and thoroughly practical book. L. E.

Roentgen Interpretation. By George W. Holmes and Howard E. Ruggles. 211 pp. Illustrated. Philadelphia and New York: Lea and Febiger. 1919. Price, \$2.75.

Considering the size of this little book on roentgen interpretation, the subject is well covered, or, perhaps, we had better say that this hand-book has touched upon nearly every subject in the field of roentgen interpretation. Perhaps the best criticism we can make is to say that we believe it can accomplish that which the authors wished for it in their preface, for it will surely "prove of practical aid to those in search of a working knowledge of roentgen interpretation." The book is divided into nine chapters, each dealing with a separate subject as chest examination, gastroenterology, et cetera.

M. D.

Principles of Human Physiology. By Ernest H. Starling. 1315 pp. 3rd ed. Philadelphia: Lea and Febiger. 1920.

The third edition of this splendid work needs no great introduction. In spite of all the hand-caps thrown in their way by the anti-vivisectionists, English physiologists continue to lead the world, not only in originality of thought but in technical ability and especially in clearness of exposition. Professor Starling stands in the front rank of his profession, and his book is an exceedingly well written and valuable one. The chapter on "Sense Organs" has been revised and largely rewritten by Mr. Hartridge.

W. C. A.

Keen's Surgery, Volumes VII and VIII. By Surgical Experts. Edited by W. W. Keen, M. D., LL. D., Hon. F. R. C. S., Eng. and Edin., Emeritus Professor of the Principles of Surgery and Clinical Surgery, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Octavo of 960 pages, with 657 illustrations, 12 of them in colors. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1921. Price: Volumes VII and VIII, and Desk Index Volume, cloth, \$25 net per set. Sold by subscription.

These two new volumes supplement and rejuvenate the five original volumes and the other supplementary volume of "good old Keen," who has come to be the American surgeon's standby and friend in need.

The seventh volume contains mainly chapters that are the result of work done during the war. Lovett's, Sir Robert Jones', and Hey-Groves' chapters on orthopedic surgery, Matas' on vascular surgery, Blake's on fractures, are mines of information that will be of great value to industrial surgeons. They are gathered from an experience with the inexhaustible material of six years which we hope may never be duplicated.

The eighth volume contains forty chapters, many of them quite short, on endocrine glands, on the specialties, on abdominal and thoracic surgery. The chapters on endocrine glands are from the Mayo Clinic. They are disappointing; they deal too much in generalities and theory to be practically useful; their theories are not well enough founded nor explicit enough to throw light on our ignorance of endocrine physiology. Hugh Young's

chapter on the prostate brings much that is new and valuable. Heuer's long chapter on thoracic surgery stands out as an unusually complete and careful piece of work, containing much that is original.

Keen's surgery has made itself indispensable. The two new volumes hold their own with the rest of this admirable work. L. E.

Books Received

Radiant Energy and the Ophthalmic Lens. By Frederick Booth. Introduction by Whitefield Bowers, A. B., M. D. 226 pp. 230 illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co. Price, \$2.25.

Practice of Medicine. A manual for students and practitioners. By Hughes Dayton, M. D. Fourth revised edition. 328 pp. Philadelphia and New York: Lea & Febiger. 1921. Price, \$2.25.

Diseases of Children. Designed for the use of students and practitioners of medicine. By Herman B. Sheffield, M. D. Formerly Instructor in Diseases of Children, New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, and Medical Director, Beth David Hospital; Consulting Physician to the Jewish Home for Convalescents and the East Side Clinic for Children. 798 pp. 238 illustrations, 9 color plates. St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. 1921. Price, \$9.00.

General Pathology. An introduction to the study of medicine, being a discussion of the development and nature of processes of diseases. By Horst Oertel, Strathcona Professor of Pathology and Director of the Pathological Museum and Laboratories of McGill University and of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Canada. 357 pp. New York: Paul Hoeber. 1921. Price, \$5.00.

Organic Dependence and Disease: Their Origin and Significance. By John M. Clarke, D. Sc., Colgate, Chicago, Princeton LL. D., Amherst, Johns Hopkins, Member of the National Academy of Sciences, New York State Paleontologist. 113 pp. Illustrated. New Haven: Yale University Press. 1921.

Maternitas. A book concerning the care of the prospective mother and her child. By Charles E. Paddock, M. D., Professor of Obstetrics, Chicago Post Graduate Medical School; Assistant Clinical Professor of Obstetrics, Rush Medical College; Attending Obstetrician, St. Luke's Hospital. 210 pp. Illustrated. Chicago: Cloyd J. Head & Co. 1920. Price, \$1.75.

Practical Dietetics. With reference to diet in health and disease. By Alida Frances Pattee, Graduate Department of Household Arts, State Normal School, Framingham, Mass.; Late Instructor in Dietetics, Bellevue Training School for Nurses, Bellevue Hospital, New York City, etc. Thirteenth edition. Revised. 543 pp. Mount Vernon: A. F. Pattee, Publisher. 1920.

Story of the American Red Cross in Italy. By Charles M. Bakewell. 253 pp. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1920.

Principles of Hygiene. A practical manual for students, physicians and health officers. By D. H. Bergey, A. M., M. D., Ph. D., Assistant Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology, University of Pennsylvania. Seventh edition, thoroughly revised. 556 pp. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1921.